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## Mud Lake Complex Update

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**Mud Lake Complex**  
Southern Area Red Team  
**Wednesday, May 27, 2015 10:00 AM**  
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Fire Information Office  
Hours of Operation: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
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**Current Status** The Mud Lake Complex is comprised of several fires caused by lightning strikes in the Big Cypress National Preserve located in Southwest Florida, near Naples. The fires have burned 35,321 acres of various Preserve habitats which include: dense, coarse grass; pine timber; and cypress domes. Containment is currently 51%. Heat was still present on the north section of the Square Fire yesterday, but the rest of the fire appeared to be cooling down. Crews continue to mop up around the Ellison Fire and the Noble Fire and monitor the Hobo, Sanctuary and Bluebird Fires.

**Planned Events** Wildland firefighter crews will continue to monitor existing containment lines, mop up fire perimeters, and improve planned containment lines. Rehab will begin on areas along the Ellison Fire and Square Fire perimeters. Additionally, crews will continue to patrol, monitor and mop up hot spots using low impact fire suppression tactics to protect threatened and endangered species, such as the Florida panther, Florida bonneted bat and red-cockaded woodpecker.

Fire	Estimated acreage as of May 27, 2015	Start Date
Ellison	23,709	May 8
Ellipse	215	May 10
Square	11,375	May 10
Pekel	1.5	May 17
68	2.5	May 18
Blue Bird	0.5	May 21
Sanctuary	1.5	May 22
Hobo	5	May 24

Buggy	5	May 24
Noble	6	May 24
Personnel	319	
Equipment	6 helicopters (1 large, 3 medium, 2 small), 7 wildland fire engines, 4 fixed-wing aircraft	
Cooperators	National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge, Florida Forest Service, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Florida Highway Patrol, Collier County (Florida) Office of Emergency Management	
Restrictions and Closures	<p>A temporary flight restriction (TFR) is in effect.  <a href="http://tfr.faa.gov/save_pages/detail_5_6469.html">http://tfr.faa.gov/save_pages/detail_5_6469.html</a>  Access to lands managed by Big Cypress National Preserve south of Interstate 75, from mile marker 59 to mile marker 75 (Turner River Road), south to Upper Wagon Wheel Road is temporarily restricted as well. The closure also extends to lands administered by Big Cypress National Preserve north of Interstate 75, from mile marker 59 to mile marker 70, north to the Big Cypress Preserve Boundary. These areas will be closed to provide public and firefighter safety in areas of high fire activity. These areas are closed to all recreational use including Off-Road Vehicles (ORV), hiking, and camping. This area includes portions of the Florida National Scenic Trail from mile 12, traveling north to the northern boundary of Big Cypress National Preserve.</p>	
Fire Weather	<p>Hot and dry conditions will be present once again with only a 10% chance of storms. Relative humidity will be near 40% in the afternoon. No measurable rain has been received across the complex. Predicted 10-15 mph easterly winds with stronger gusts this afternoon are expected. Lower relative humidities will dry fuels across the fire area.</p>	

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